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**APPLICANT:** Palumbo, et al.

**U.S.S.N.:** 09/559,794

**ART UNIT:** 1712

**FILED:** April 27, 2000

**EXAMINER:** P. A. Short

**FOR:** COPOLYESTERS HAVING IMPROVED RETAINED ADHESION

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**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated October 31, 2003 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants believe that no extension of time is necessary as the instant response is being made on the Monday following Saturday January 31, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.